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Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>022701-968</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Pa	atent Application of) MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT				
Jean-Marc FRANCES et al.) Group Art Unit: 1711				
Application No.: 10/009,605) Examiner: Susan Berman				
Filed:	March 20, 2002) Confirmation No.: 4221				
For:	SEALED RELEASE COATING APPLIED ON A CYLINDER HEAD))))				
AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER						
P.O. Bo	ssioner for Patents ox 1450 dria, VA 22313-1450					
Sir:						
Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.						
[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.					
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.					
[]	Also enclosed is/are					
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
[]	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
		ously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be requested based on the enclosed documents				
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	_, on, for which continued examination is				

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	[] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
[X]	No additional claim fee is required.
[]	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	11	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0

[] A check in the amount of \$	is enclosed for the fee due.				
[] Charge \$to Deposit Account	No. 02-4800.				
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16					
1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by thi	s paper, and to credit any overpayment, to				

Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

By:

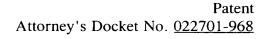
Respectfully submitted,

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MATERIAL)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.